their agricultrural credit for production and investment purposes. Depending on the type of loan such refinance is granted in the form of Short-term and Mediumterm (Non-Schematic) credit limits as well as Medium Term & Long Term schematic refinance.

The following instructions have also been given to banks for ensuring timely flow of credit to farmers:

(i) All loan applications upto a credit limit of Rs. 25,000 are to be disposed of within a fortnight and those for over Rs. 25,000 within 8 to 9 weeks.

(ii) All branch managers of banks are vested with discretionary powers to sanction proposals from weaker sections without reference to higher authority.

(iii) Banks are required to have a machinery at the regional office level : (a) to entertain complaints from the borrowers if the branches do not follow the guidelines and (b) to verify periodically that these guidelines are implemented by the branches in actual practice.

(c) and (d) A Budget provision of Rs. 341 crores has been made under the scheme Debt Relief to Farmers during the year 1994-95. An amount of Rs. 275 crores has alrady been released in July, 1994 to the Reserve Banks of India towards payment to public Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks in respect of loan written off under the ARDR Scheme, 1990 and the balance of Rs. 66 crores is likely to be released soon.

Films on Agricultural Subjects

4249. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have invited some private film producing companies to make films on agricultural subjects which were hitherto being produced by Films Division;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the total number of films produced by private film-makers and expenditure incurred thereon during 1991-92 and 1992-93?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes Sir, offers from private film producers were invited for preparation of panels for making films on agricultural subjects. These offers were invited in 1990 and 1991.

(b) Government has decided to patronize private film producers for production of films on agricultural subjects so as to take advantage of best expertize available in the market and its cost effectiveness.

(c) Indian Council of Agricultural Research have got produced 4 video films during 1991-92 and expenditure of Rs. 16.15 lakh was incurred thereon.

Evaluation of Working of the Indian Dairy Corporation

4250. SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any evaluation of the working of Indian Dairy Corporation;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government for the upgradation of the said Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) to (c) The Indian Dairy Corporation (IDC) has been dissolved by an Act of Parliament i.e., the National Dairy Development Board Act, 1987 (37 of 1987) and as such the question of evaluation/upgradation of the working of the Indian Dairy Corporation does not arise.

Rice Development Programme

4251. SHRI AJIT P.K. JOGI:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV: